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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-third session at United Nations Headquarters from 28 February to 2 March 2012. The Commission held six meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2012/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February 2012, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)

Vice-Chairs:
Jill Matheson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Eduardo Sojo (Mexico)
Jiantang Ma (China)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. Also at its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2012/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Programme review: population and housing censuses;
   (b) Crime statistics;
   (c) National accounts;
   (d) Agricultural statistics;
   (e) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (f) Environment statistics;
   (g) Energy statistics;
   (h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;
   (i) Information and communications technology statistics;
   (j) National quality assurance frameworks;
   (k) Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
   (l) Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations;
   (m) Efforts in developing a plan of action on statistical development;
   (n) Statistics of human development;
   (o) Regional statistical development in Europe.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Gender statistics;
   (b) Washington Group on Disability Statistics;
   (c) International merchandise trade statistics;
   (d) Statistics of international trade in services;
   (e) Finance statistics;
   (f) International Comparison Programme;
   (g) Ottawa Group on Price Indices;
   (h) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   (i) International economic and social classifications;

(j) Development indicators;

(k) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(l) Global geospatial information management;

(m) World Statistics Day.

5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-third session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/2012/L.1).

6. Also at the 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at its forty-third session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the International Energy Forum secretariat, the Observatoire economique et statistique d'afrique subsaharienne, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the International Energy Agency.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-third session are available from the website of the United Nations Statistics Division at http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/sc2012.htm.